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Granted offered to the State of England
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Wm. A. Smith

In a Letter, and signed by the
Commissioners, to the



A Speedy, Safe and Effectual way for
Reducing of *Ireland* to the Obedience
of the Crown of *England* in six
Moneths, &c.

GOD giving his Blessing, One Hundred
Thousand men will subdue *Ireland* in six
Moneths, with less charge then Forty
Thousand men can well do it in two
Years; for if the Army be great, so as
sufficiently to over-power the Enemy,
then very few will be killed or lost in the Service, which
above all things ought to be regarded in a *Christian*
Prince and People: But if the Army be not bigger than
the Enemies, there may be the more lost in the Service,
and the Work longer a doing.

Objection. *So many men cannot easily be spared or raised.*

Answer. Eighty Thousand may soon be raised in *Eng-*
land and *Wales*, and Twenty Thousand in *Scotland*,
giving every Foot-Soldier seven Shillings a Week, they
will be encouraged; the which doing, and having of the
said number Ten Thousand of them Horse-men, the cost
and charge of the Army, of Officers, and Horse and
Foot, the clothes, Arms, Ammunition, Artillery, and
all Charges; Admit it at ten Shillings each man,
one with the other each Week, which is Fifty Thousand

(4)
Pounds per Week in six Months, is Thirteen Hundred
Thousand Pounds, or Twenty six Hundred Thousand
Pounds for a Year.

Object. *So much Money will be too great a Charge upon the
Nations.*

Ans. There are men in *London*, and in *England*, and
some in *Scotland*, that would lend most of the above sum,
upon Condition to be paid it out of the forfeited Lands in
Ireland, considered at a certain price per Acre when the
Country is vanquished. And such as would lend Mo-
nies (considerable) should pay nothing of the Tax.
And all such, either Poor or Rich, that would not lend
Monies, and take Debentures, should be taxed and rated
by Authority in a Pole Bill, according to their Abilities;
and this would quickly do the Work; and then *England*
would be safe, and all the Dominions thereunto belong-
ing in Rest and Peace. Also this Army, whilst they
are doing this Work, would be exercised, and so
bravely disciplin'd, that they would be fit, the beginning
of the next Year, fifty thousand of them, to go to *Holland*,
to assist *Holland*, or to go to *France*, to do Justice upon
the *French*.

Object. *Where would Provisions be had for such an
Army?*

Ans. Money answereth all things: Corn is very
plenty and cheap in *England*, and these hundred thou-
sand men being maintained by the Provisions of *England*,
Wales and *Scotland*, they may have their Provisions
brought out of *England*, &c. to them, especially great
store.

store of Corn and Bread, Cheese, Butter and Beer, &c. which *England* can spare (for payment) and be glad to have a way to vend it. And as for Flesh, Fish, &c. there is abundance in *Ireland*.

Object. *What shall be done with the Irish, seeing it is contrary to the Nature of an English man, or a Protestant, to Masacre, Kill or Destroy a Nation of People, or hurt one Soul, when they have overcome them in defence of the English Interest, and Protestant Religion?*

Ans. Seeing the *Irish Papists* are mostly such bloody and cruel People, that whilst the *English* have lived peaceable and quiet amongst them; or rather the *English*, whilst they had power, suffering the *Irish* to live in the same peace and quiet with themselves. Yet we see that the *Irish Papists*, as soon as they got power into their Hands, they rebelled against the *English*, and against all the *Brittish Protestants*, endeavouring with all Severity and Cruelty to utterly destroy, and put out the *English* and *Brittish Protestants* from under Heaven, or from having a Being to dwell any where upon the face of the whole Earth, witness *France*, and *Ireland*, and *Savoy*, and how they have already done, and are still proceeding to do.

Therefore every man of them in *Ireland* having taken up Arms and Clubs, Staves, Pickes, &c. it would be but just on our parts, as *English* men, *Protestants* and good *Christians*, loving of Mercy, to deal better by them then they do by us, and to give them some place to live and dwell upon the Earth, to send all the Families of them that will not submit to the *English* Government,

now established, to inhabit in *Virginia* and *Maryland*, and other Plantations and Islands in *America* under the Dominion of *England*. And all of the men that have been exercising any sort of Weapon against the *English* and *British* Protestants, that will not give good security for their loyal and peaceable Behaviour for the time to come, to be bestowed upon the Emperor of *Germany*, to assist him to fight against the *Turks*, or what else may seem fit, &c.

The fore-going ought to be considered and done quickly; for in the *Popish* Standard upon the Castle of *Dublin* it is written,

NOW, or NEVER.

NOW, and FOR EVER.

So that it is now the *British* Protestants business through all the World, especially in *England* and *Scotland*, to put themselves quickly upon great and extraordinary Charge, to be before-hand with their Enemies, and then in the strength of God they may do their business, so as they may vanquish and overcome the Enemies of their Peace, and so order the matter

matter that their Enemies never more get the
Dominion over them,

NOW, nor NEVER.

Suppose ten Carpenters would be building
a Ship two Years, then forty Carpenters
would be building it half a Year: Besides, con-
sider the Interest of Money lying long dead or
unprofitable; and consider the present profit of
the use of the Ship. Also, an Enemy may get the
Advantage of the matter, by making more speed
to the Market, wherefore make haste, bid a good
Price, lest the Enemy fore-stall and increase
both Principal and Profit.

Suppose a great Ship of great force, met
with another great Ship of small force, its like-
ly the great Ship of great force would soon
take the other great Ship of small force, with
the loss of few or no men: So a great Army of
great force will soon Conquer a great Army
of small force, without loss of much men. And
the greater the Army, and the stronger the
Force, the more they daunt and discourage
their Enemies. These things considered, and
that notwithstanding the Army, and the charge
be

be great, yet the shortness of the Work, and of the Time, it will be done cheaper with a great Army, and quicker, with less loss of men, than with a small Army in longer time, and more loss of men. And the Work being quickly done, they may be put upon other Service, as is before plainly demonstrated: And moreover the three Nations would be at Peace to trade and deal, and be profitable to themselves, and in a short time would regain all the charge, &c. And whereas if it be long a doing, Trade will be hindred, and the Nations will grow weak & feeble: And suppose, that it may be a year before the said Army be called up out of *Ireland* upon other Service; however, there is a Kingdom gained for twenty six hundred thousand pounds, which is supposed to be worth a hundred times that value; and moreover *England* cannot be well, nor safe without *Irland* be under its Obedience. Also again consider, that there will be in doing this a brave Army made and disciplin'd to gain *France*,

God direct you.

FINIS.



